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 By CORB B. No. 1817

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing the governor to declare a county to be a drought disaster area; authorizing the revaluation of property for 1971 ad valorem tax purposes; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. The governor by proclamation may declare any county in the state to be a drought disaster area on a finding that due to a serious deficiency in normal rainfall and a chronic lack of storage water the county is in or is endanger of becoming a disaster area.

Sec. 2. In a county which has been declared to be a drought disaster area by the governor, the commissioners court, the board of trustees of any school district in the county, and the governing body of any city, town, village, or any special district in the county may authorize emergency revaluation of the property values in the county for property taxes levied by the county, school district, city, town, or village, or special district. The revaluation of property may be made for purposes of the tax levied on January 1, 1971.

Sec. 3. A revaluation under this Act shall be made before August 1, 1971.

Sec. 4. The revaluation authorized by this Act, if ordered by the governing body of a taxing authority, shall be made with special consideration of the effect of the drought on the economic well-being of the county as it relates to property values and to the depreciation of values of property used for agricultural purposes.

Sec. 5. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

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